CIA Chief Raps Public Scrutiny

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HAMPDEN-SYDNEY—
CIA Director Stansfield Turner
said at Hampden-Sydney
College yesterday that "there is
no question that all the public.
scrutiny has endangered our intelligence operations..."

But Adm. Turner added that "there has been a strengthening" of the intelligence community as a result of the new openness.

"We're No. 1. We're better than the KGB," he told the crowd of about 100 Hampden-Sydney students, teachers and President Josiah P. Bunting III.

Turner's arrival was delayed by turbulent weather en route.

Standards Noted

He said of revelations about the intelligence community in the past several years that "perhaps we indulge too much," but added later, "We can't look at yesterday's actions with today's standards."

As a result of a recent reorganization of the intelligence community, the CIA directorsaid, he will have oversight authority to direct intelligence-gathering

operations and to ensure that information reaches the proper analysts.

Bunting asked Turner from the floor, "How do you recruit spies?"

Turner explained that the CIA employs "case officers" who are recruited from campuses and "may serve much of the rest of their career overseas under cover."

The case officers try "to recruit the agent, the spy," he said

Agents in foreign countries provide information to the CIA, and other U.S. intelligence organizations for a variety of reasons ranging from "monetary ... and we'll pay them ..." to idealistic motivations.

"The real spying is done by people we engage" to "penetrate people's thoughts, minds, hopes, intentions: That is the spy," Turner said.

Human Rights

He said the agency has worked hard to "keep track of human rights" around the world and has assumed a "very active role" in combating terrorism.

"We have been able to forestall some terrorist activities" as a result, the CIA

director said.

He also said, "I will not break the laws of the United States of America," but he suggested that other laws in other countries are less dear to him.

He declined to talk about "where we have agents" because such disclosures could be dangerous."

Turner also said, "I think we conform to the letter and spirit" of international agreements but the Russians "adhere to the letter—shave it closer, if you will."

Turner, apologizing to the students, said that silence on some points is "the cross we bear in the intelligence world, that there are things we cannot discuss."

Turner, who also spoke at the college's convocation last night, was the seventh and last Hampden Fellow this year.